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OREGON WEATHER

Fair and warmer Friday expected near the coast. Continued warmer Saturday. Gentle winds mostly northerly.

THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE RIOT

More important than the action of the authorities in quelling race riots is the attitude of the individual in preventing them.

The country is unquestionably confronted with a dangerous situation. There is reason to believe that the race riots in Chicago and Washington are part of the deliberate plan to promote trouble in this country.

Of course where rioting does break out, the rioters of whatever race or color should be handled with impartial severity. The man who takes part in mob activity is a menace to the public safety, whichever side he represents.

But much can be done to prevent the spread of racial feeling if individuals will preserve a fair attitude of mind and refrain in their homes and in public from excited or exciting speech. Racial antipathy can never be swept away, but it need not degenerate into race riots.

It is possible for a man who himself would abhor rioting or mob rule to precipitate it by expressing violent sentiments in the hearing of the man who tends to be a disturber. It is up to the better class of individuals of all races to hold in check their own antipathies, to inspire by precept and example those less apt to exercise self-control.

A light breeze will fan a small blaze into a consuming fire. A chance word or reckless act may precipitate a battle in which lives are lost and property is destroyed. That's the way riots and lynchings start.

CITY OF ORPHANS

"The true horror of the famine in Syria," says a man returned after six years of relief work, "has been the moral breakdown. The horror of having thousands of neglected children growing up without homes or education, the victims of a demoralized environment, is awful to contemplate. In the small area of Syria for which I compiled statistics, there are 349 villages, with 4,364 orphans and 9,688 children with only one parent."

A group of Americans in charge of local relief under the Red Cross and the Near East committee have worked out a plan for rescuing these children. It is not a matter of getting them food alone, although that is the first great need. They must also be trained and educated, prepared to assume the responsibilities which will be theirs in a few years. They are the nucleus of the new nation growing up through the ruins of the old. They will be the farmers, mechanics, artisans, laborers, teachers, etc., of the future.

In order to do this tremendous work of training, a city of orphans is being founded. The committee plans to bring these children together in several big groups to facilitate instruction.

LIQUID

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TRAIN THE DOGS

There are few things more annoying than to have a dog run out and bark and snap at you, whether you are driving a car or walking. If you are walking, you are likely to get a scare, to say the least, and if driving you are likely to run over the dog—and then the owner of the animal gets "all het up."

Some dogs will lie in the road until an automobile almost touches them before they will move. Often the owner watches them do this, but he says nothing—never tries to break the dog of the habit.

Some dogs have as much sense as their masters; possibly that is the reason their masters never try to teach them anything. Inasmuch as this is a fact, dogs will always run out and bark at you.

SAVE THE REDWOODS

Every chamber of commerce in Oregon should take an interest in saving the giant Redwoods in the southwestern part of the state and should put on some stiff team work with the forestry department and Californians in saving those big tree along the proposed new scenic highway in Northern California. Some plan providing for the preservation of these forest monarchs, thousands of years old, should be devised at once.

American Clipper Ships.

In the days of the famous clipper ships, the American vessel was second to none, writes Frederick A. Collins in Boys' Life. No other country could build ships at once so staunch and so speedy. Records were established which have never been surpassed by sailing craft, and even with the use of steam, were not bettered for nearly half a century. In 1852, the Sovereign of the Seas sailed 436 miles in a single day. The Lightning crossed the Atlantic in 13 days and 20 hours, and the James Blake of 2,500 tons, made the voyage from Boston to Liverpool in 12 days and 6 hours. Although America led the way with the first trans-Atlantic steamship, she allowed the sovereignty of the seas to slip gradually from her. At the beginning of the war most of her tonnage was about on the Great Lakes or engaged in coastwise traffic and her deep-sea fleet was very small.

The Fiddler's Bill.

The world contains a great many people who are busy paying the fiddler. For some reason or another they have neglected opportunities and now they are trying to redeem the time. Some are just plain fools and they know it. Others are too dense to know they don't know and it's impossible to tell them. Others are just mediocre people who have mused things up and now they are trying to iron them out. But it's all the same. It's the present trying to correct the follies that are past. We call it paying the fiddler. It's like going to a country dance, and then when you have had all the fun you have to dig down and pay the fiddler. A good many people have to pay the fiddler because they got the notion they were smarter than other folks.

Ginseng.

Ginseng is a plant of the genus Aralia Panax, also the root of this plant, which is highly valued as a tonic and stimulant by the Chinese, who ascribe to it almost miraculous powers. The Manchurian is most esteemed, and sells for several taels per liang, or Chinese ounce. The true ginseng is a native of northern China and Korea. A quinquefolia is a very closely allied species of the eastern United States, and its roots have been largely exported to China as a substitute for the true ginseng. The only medicinal effect in either case is that of a mild aromatic stimulant. Dwarf ginseng, the Aralia trifolia, is a low species of the United States, with a globose pungent root.

SENATOR N. B. DIAL



N. B. Dial of Laurens, S. C., is the senator-elect to serve the long term succeeding the late Senator Tillman. He is, of course, a Democrat, and is a lawyer, banker and manufacturer.

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Here's a Mix-Up.

A resident of this city, a Toronto paper reports, appealed to the morality department of the local police to release him from having to live with his wife because of domestic unpleasantness. He told the police the following remarkable story: He married his present wife's daughter several years ago. While he was living with his first wife his own father married his wife's mother, making her his mother-in-law and stepmother. His father died, leaving his wife in the old country. The son brought her to Toronto and married her. They were not living together any length of time before both of them quarreled and could not get along.

Unreasonable.

"You are two-faced. You let another fellow kiss you." "Well, if I have two faces, what's your kick?"

Optimistic Thought.

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TURN SOLDIERS INTO FARMERS

Army Schools in France Proving a Success.

FIND MEN EAGER TO STUDY

Eight Thousand Enrolled as Students in University Attached to Expeditionary Forces—Institution Occupies More Than 300 Structures—Abandoned Agricultural Schools in Occupied Germany Taken Over—Forty Studies Offered.

Over in east central France there is going on an American adventure in education of which very little has been said over here. A university has been established, with a college of agriculture and ten other colleges and a farm school. Two months ago it was an idea; today it has 8,000 enrolled students; more than 3,000 attend the school, while extension activities reach hundreds of thousands of men in one way or another. The university building is a former American hospital near the town of Beaune, in the famous vineyard district of Cote d'Or.

About the middle of March a host of young American soldiers came sweeping into the old hospital grounds from all parts of the expeditionary forces. They had packs on their backs, guns in their hands, gas masks and "tin" hats at their sides. They put on overalls, picked up hammers, saws, shovels and picks, and made things ready to go to school. They kept coming, so that now the university occupies more than 300 structures, which called for 800 carloads of material and equipment.

Idea Makes a Hit.

This was the work of the army education commission, in co-operation with the department of agriculture and various state colleges and universities. The idea made a hit with the soldiers at once. Each week tens of thousands of them are in class or lecture rooms established throughout the army. The teaching staff from the home colleges found the men eager to talk about farming "back home," which was one of the objects of the experiment. They are satisfied by the interest displayed in the class and by the fact that more than 500 farmers' clubs have been organized, with a membership of fully 20,000 soldiers. One day a flying squadron of "city fellers" came over to the university to "get some agricultural dope." There was enjoyment of army-pleasantry at first, but in the end several of the visitors confessed themselves so interested that they, too, soon would be in the school.

In many units of the expeditionary forces farmer-soldiers have a chance to go to agricultural schools which maintain courses of six to twelve weeks and give instruction in several fundamental studies. They are called post and divisional schools. They are usually under the general supervision of representatives of the commission, although the principals and teachers are from the army. They are held in all sorts of places, wherever rooms and equipment can be found. In Germany abandoned agricultural schools in the occupied territory have been taken over. Even the land surrounding such schools has been made use of for practical work with crops, soil and gardens. Sometimes live stock is secured for judging, but usually the classes are taken to near-by farms for study and observation of the live stock found there.

Forty Studies Offered.

Forty different studies are offered the boys grouped in four general departments—animal husbandry, agronomy, horticulture and forestry and rural economics and sociology. In addition supporting subjects are offered at other colleges of the university.

In the first account of this American university to be received by the department of agriculture Prof. F. W. Beckman of Iowa State college says: "The immediate results of the educational program of the commission are worth while, but farseeing men expect even greater results in the future. Secretary Baker, in his address at the university, said he believed that out of the commission's work would come a permanent educational policy for the army, combining military training with training for the vocations and for civil life. Agriculturally the immediate results will be large, for the farmer-soldiers of the expeditionary forces are being stirred to a full realization of their opportunities and their obligations in the rural field. They are thinking as they never thought before about the rural tasks that await them back home, and they are likely to return better qualified to deal with them and with a new spirit toward them."

Ex-Kaiser Has Cut 5,000 Logs.

The former German emperor has completed sawing his five thousandth tree. It was cut into one-inch disks, many of which have been distributed among his attendants and advisers. Each disk was marked by the sawyer with his initial and date.

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